

POV SAFETY

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POV ACCIDENTS

- #1 Killer of Soldiers (15 times that of on duty accidents)
- Results in time and resource depletion
- Loss of an important team member of the unit
- Decrease in unit morale due to loss

THE ULTIMATE GOAL

- Prevent needless loss of life
- Prevent loss of resources

PREVENTION OF POV ACCIDENTS

- Mandatory training
- Briefings and promotional materials
- Correction of offenses
 - Counseling
 - UCMJ action

VICTIM PROFILE

- Generally involve:
 - Single male soldiers
 - E4 and below
 - 26 years of age or younger

VICTIM PROFILE

- Why these soldiers are the typical victims:
 - Soldiers are simply not aware of the hazards they face in driving their POVs (they have a 1 in 1000 chance of dying in their POV and a 1 in 150 chance of being hospitalized during a three year assignment to Germany).
 - Soldiers tend to underestimate their own personal risk
 - Soldiers tend to overestimate their ability to handle the risk

WHERE ACCIDENTS OCCUR

- Most accidents occur within 25 miles of where we live and work
 - We become very familiar with the roads, streets and byways that we travel everyday, we become complacent.
 - Our mind has a tendency to wander to daily problems and not on the task of driving.
 - The result - we do not see or are not aware of the dangers that suddenly appear.

WHERE ACCIDENTS OCCUR (cont.)

- We attend parties, do our drinking and socializing within the 25 mile radius.
- While on trips always drive defensively. We may not be in our 25 mile radius, but we are in someone else's.

PRIMARY CAUSES OF POV ACCIDENTS

- Fatigue
- Drinking and driving
- Speed

Fatigue: Stay Awake To Stay Alive

- Large percentage of accidents involve running off the road at night.
- Nodding off for 2-3 seconds.
 - Melatonin
 - Boredom
 - Alcohol

Buckle Up!

- Some people are thrown clear in a crash and walk away without a scratch.
- I'm a careful driver-never had an accident. Good drivers don't need them.
- Seatbelts are too much trouble, fastening-unfastening-fastening again.
- I only use them on high-speed roads. It's a nuisance around town.
- I don't need to wear a seat belt just to drive to the grocery store.
- What if my car caught fire or went off the road into water.
- Seat belts are uncomfortable and wrinkle my Class A jacket.

Booze & Lose

- Don't drive after consuming two or more drinks in one hour.
- Better yet, **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!**
- What it could cost you:
 - Prison Sentence
 - License suspension/revocation
 - Fines and Service Fees
 - Mandatory drug/alcohol education or treatment
 - Severe career repercussions:
 - Barred from reenlistment
 - Reduction in grade
 - General Letter of Reprimand
 - Vehicular Homicide charges

Speed Shatters Lives

- Greater stopping distance
- Exceeding handling characteristics
- Air Bag misconception

How to Avoid Traffic Collisions

- Stay Ahead Of The Situation
- Stay Alert
- Stay Back
- Start and Stopping Sooner
- Signal Your Intentions

QUESTIONS?

What 3 things can you do today
to avoid killing someone with
your behavior tomorrow?